UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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DIANE VOGTH-ERIKSEN : Civ. No. 3:16CV01114 (SALM)

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V.

February 22, 2017

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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RULING ON DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNDER SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. §405(g) WITH REVERSAL AND REMAND OF THE CAUSE TO THE DEFENDANT

Defendant's Motion for Entry of Judgment Under Sentence
Four of 42 U.S.C. §405(g) with Reversal and Remand of the Cause
to the Defendant [Doc. #20] is GRANTED. Pursuant to the power of
this Court to enter judgment affirming, modifying or reversing
the Commissioner's decision with or without remand in Social
Security actions under sentence four of Section 405(g) of the
Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §405(g), and in light of the
Government's unopposed request to remand this action for further
administrative proceedings, it is hereby ordered that this
matter be remanded to the Commissioner.

Upon remand, the Appeals Council will remand this case to an administrative law judge ("ALJ") who is instructed to grant the claimant an opportunity for a new hearing, and to take any further action required to complete the administrative record.

The ALJ is further instructed to reassess plaintiff's residual functional capacity, to reevaluate the opinion evidence of record, and to obtain evidence from a vocational expert.

Plaintiff consents to this remand.

Therefore, the Court hereby reverses the Commissioner's decision under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. §405(g) with a remand of the case to the Commissioner for further proceedings. See Shalala v. Schaefer, 509 U.S. 292 (1993); Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89 (1991). In light of the Court's remand of this action, the Court DENIES, as moot, plaintiff's Motion to Reverse the Decision of the Commissioner. [Doc. #15].

The clerk of the court will enter a separate judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58.

This is not a Recommended Ruling. The parties consented to the entry of a final order and judgment by a Magistrate Judge on November 2, 2016. See Doc. #14.

SO ORDERED at New Haven, Connecticut this 22nd day of February, 2017.

/s/
HON. SARAH A. L. MERRIAM
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE